HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

Writ Petition (s) No. 3828 of 2005

Petitioner	:	Arun Kumar Tripathi, Aged about 40 years, S/o Shri J.P. Tripathi, Chief Executive Officer, Janpad Panchayat, Ramanujganj (Ramchandrapur), District-Sarguja (Ambikapur)
	Versus	
Respondents	:1.	State of Chhattisgarh, Through- The Chief Secretary Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, Other Backward Class and Minority Community Welfare Department, Mantralaya, D.K.S. Bhawan, Raipur (C.G.).
	2.	The Collector, District-Sarguja (Ambikapur)
	3.	Chief Executive Officer, District Panchayat, District-Sarguja (Ambikapur)

SB : Hon'ble Shri Satish K. Agnihotri, J.

Present: Mr. S.K. Thomas, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Sunita Jain, Panel lawyer for the respondents/State.

ORDER

(Passed on this 13th day of March, 2007)

1. The petitioner, while working as Chief Executive Officer in Ramanujganj, District-Sarguja, was transferred to Kartala, District-Korba, on the same terms and conditions vide impugned transfer order dated 14.9.2001 (P/1).

2. The Madhya Pradesh State Administrative Tribunal, Bench at Raipur, vide interim order dated 24.9.2001, directed to maintain status quo in regard to the position of the petitioner as was prevailing on 19.9.2001. By virtue of the interim order, the petitioner is continuing at the original place of posting.

3. Be that as it may, with the passage of time this petition has become infructuous, as period of transfer is not applicable forever. At this point of time there is no question to examine the validity of

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the transfer order. However, the respondents are at liberty to pass appropriate orders keeping in view the public interest and administrative exigency, without insisting on compliance of the impugned transfer order.

4. It is well settled principle of law that transfer is an incidence of service and it is for the employer to decide as to where a particular officer/employee be posted keeping in view public interest as well as administrative exigency. This Court has limited jurisdiction to interfere with the transfer matter and this Court can entertain judicial review only in the case of proved malafide, non-competence of authority passing the transfer order and transfer order not being in conformity with the rules and regulations.

5. In view of the above, this petition stands disposed of. No order as to costs.

Sd/-
Satish K. Agnihotri
Judge

Thakur